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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am transmitting for your information the Second Interim Report of the Working Group on Disarmament Policy in connection with the preparatory work for a possible Summit Conference.

Sincerely yours,

G. Frederick Reinhardt

Enclosure:

Second Interim Report of the Working Group on Disarmament Policy.

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles,  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

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SECOND INTERIM REPORT OF THE  
WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT POLICY

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1. The working group on US Disarmament Policy, consisting of representatives of the Departments of State and Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Office of the Special Assistant to the President (Dr. Killian), established on April 7, 1958 by the Special Cabinet Committee on Summit Preparations, made an interim report on April 16 assessing the adequacy of existing disarmament policy and the opportunities for new US initiatives in this field.

2. In its first report the working group presented certain conclusions with respect to present US disarmament policy as a whole and cited specific proposals with respect to nuclear weapons tests made by representatives of the Departments of State, Defense, CIA and AEC. The group recognized that the question of separation of the nuclear test issue from other elements of a disarmament agreement must be resolved at a higher level of the US government. It further recognized that other areas of US disarmament policy were equally important and should be examined and reformulated. Accordingly the group reported that pending a decision on the nuclear test issue it would continue to review other aspects of the US disarmament position with a view to determining what specific modifications might be recommended.

3. Since the date of its last report the working group has considered in four meetings (April 17, April 18, April 22 and April 24) other major aspects of disarmament policy in the broad categories of nuclear provisions, inspection against surprise attack, reductions in armaments and armed forces, and proposals relating to missiles and outer space. Although the group has not completed its work, a status report on the proposals for policy changes

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Comments on these proposals is presented at this time in view of the fact that some of the members of the Cabinet Committee will be departing shortly for the Copenhagen meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers. These proposals and views have not been approved as official positions of the departments concerned, and are not submitted at this time for decision by the Cabinet Committee.

4. Attached as Tab A is a summary by major categories of views of departmental representatives as discussed thus far. The texts of proposals and comments submitted to the working group are attached as Tab B. The working group is continuing its work along lines previously reported.